

Domestic Relations Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes**  
December 7, 2000

The Domestic Relations Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met in Indianapolis, Indiana on Thursday, December 7, 2000 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon at the Marriott Inn 21<sup>st</sup> & Shadeland Avenue.

1. Members present. Lorenzo Arredondo, Thomas J. Felts, William J. Hughes, Ruth D. Reichard, and Daniel F. Donahue, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Irene Spindler, John and Judy Stone.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the meeting of the committee for October 20, 2000 were approved.
5. Subchapter S income. John and Judy Stone expressed their concern about the inclusion of retained earnings from a Subchapter S corporation in the calculation of a child support obligation. They agreed to submit written details of their concern for the committee's consideration regarding possible reference in the Child Support Guidelines.
6. Recommendation regarding Allen County Pilot Mediation Project. The committee discussed Allen County's Family Relations Alternative Dispute Resolution Plan with regard to state-wide implementation of the project. The committee agreed that it would not recommend such an implementation because of the funding requirement which would add costs to the dissolution filing fees. However, the committee determined that the project has merit and could form the basis of a state-wide program if alternative funding sources were available. The committee further determined that exploration of other funding sources is warranted and directed the chair to report its recommendation to the Board of Directors of the Judicial Conference of Indiana.
7. Transformational mediation. Irene Spindler discussed the concept of transformational mediation and its use in the Allen County mediation project. She agreed to send additional information to the committee regarding the concept and its use.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Donahue, Chair